

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

INFO SECSTATE W\*SHDC 7155

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, BU

SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV IN TROUBLE?

REF: MOSCOW 12969; SOFIA 1381

1. IT WOULD BE MISLEADING TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS FIRM EVIDENCE THAT ZHIVKOV IS HAVING LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS. HE LIKE LEADERSHIP ELSEWHERE IS SUFFERING FROM WELL IDENTIFIED DETENTE PROBLEMS - BRINGING THE COLD WAR WARRIOR ALONG AND KEEPING THE EAGER AND/OR NAIVE IN LINE (NOT MANY OF LATTER HERE).

2. BULGARIAN-GREEK RELATIONS ARE BETTER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN SINCE WORLD WAR II AND ARE DESCRIBED BY SOME BULGARIAN OFFICIALS AS BETTER THAN THOSE WITH OTHER NEIGHBORS INCLUDING ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS ON MAGNITUDE OF TOTAL SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO BULGARIA.

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FIGURES WE HAVE HERE RANGE BETWEEN 8-10 BILLION

RUBLES WITH MORE TO COME.

BATJER

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